

STRESSFUL LIFE EVENTS REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS

The Stressful Life Events Review is a document intended to provide a brief yet focused view of stressful circumstances and events in a child's life that may be affecting the child's current functioning. Information for the review should be gathered by the DSS worker/s who know the child and his/her family best. It should be filled out prior to the child's presenting to a Primary Care Provider or Mental Health Program for evaluation of possible social-emotional or developmental concerns. The Review will enable that professional to incorporate significant events in the child's life into his/her broader evaluation. This information will not have to be gathered anew for each evaluation.

The Stressful Life Events Review should be filled out after the DSS worker does the preliminary screening (PEDS, PSC, POSIT) and determines that the child needs a fuller behavioral and/or developmental assessment. It should go with the child to this and all subsequent assessments in order to avoid repetitive history gathering activities. It should be updated as necessary due to changing conditions in the child's life.